

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning AB 3040 without my signature.

This bill prohibits the Department of Finance and the State Controller's office from imposing hiring freeze and staff reduction requirements on any position that provides oversight and related support of remediation or corrective action at a hazardous substance release site that is funded with an agreement with a responsible party or with the federal government.

While I support actions to ensure the State can continue to maintain staff positions for overseeing essential government functions, this bill sets an unnecessary precedent. The Department of Finance currently possesses this authority. Therefore, additional statutory clarification is not warranted.

For this reason I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger